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15 April 1960

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Mr. Chief
 London Bureau, FBIS
 c/o American Embassy
 71 Grosvenor Square
 London W. 1, England

Dear Tom:

Subject: HEC Electricity Charges

Your handling of the question of HEC charges for additional electricity in the wire room meets with my wholehearted approval. It would be unfortunate for both FBIS and HEC if our long-standing reciprocal arrangement were to become enmeshed in bookkeeping and mutual charges, and I would look with disfavor on any step in that direction. I have always considered our arrangement with HEC as saving a vast amount of expense and duplication, and the services performed by each of us for the other as investments which are repaid many times over. I hope that John Campbell will continue to feel the same way about it.

From the overall viewpoint, HEC appears to come out on top in our working relationship. You might be interested in the attached comparison of wordage filed to HEC by FBIS with what we get from them. This indicates that they get at least 50% more wordage from us than we get in return.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

Attachment

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<u>BUREAU</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>WORDS FILED TO EBC</u>
Austrian	January 1960	39,020
	February 1960	57,720
	March 1960	28,210
East Coast	January 1960	49,400
	February 1960	40,966
	March 1960	54,953
German	January 1960	57,100
	February 1960	69,000
	March 1960	77,800
Hokkaido	January 1960	11,150
	February 1960	30,790
	March 1960	8,570
Mediterranean*	January 1960	790,500
	February 1960	823,600
	March 1960	740,950
Okinawa	January 1960	589,350
	February 1960	580,740
	March 1960	577,720
Saigon	January 1960	16,450
	February 1960	17,500
	March 1960	21,520
Tokyo	January 1960	49,140
	February 1960	60,110
	March 1960	55,280
West Coast	January 1960	209,703
	February 1960	194,401
	March 1960	181,624
Bureau totals to EBC	January 1960	1,811,813
	February 1960	1,874,827
	March 1960	1,746,627
Total file originated by London Bureau to FRIS*	January 1960	1,032,945
	February 1960	1,203,648
	March 1960	1,188,835

*Includes Administrative messages to Headquarters
 "Words filed to EBC" does not include economic abstracts.

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Ltr: BBC Electricity Charges
(w/atts)

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON, W. 1.

1 April 1960

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[redacted] Chief
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
2430 E. Street N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Roger:

Subject: BBC Electricity Charges

Before the Wireroom was moved to Caversham from London, John Campbell told me that it might be necessary for the BBC to ask FBIS to share some of the electric current costs occasioned by the transfer, and I reported this in my letter to you of 18 March 1959.

Early in March 1960 I mentioned to John Rae, the BBC Administrative Officer, that FBIS assumed that a decision had been made by the BBC not to bill us for electricity since I had not received any further word from either him or Mr. Campbell during the past year. To my surprise he said that he had known for more than a year that FBIS would be charged for any electricity it used in addition to the amount it had consumed before the move.

When I expressed concern that the BBC should make what I thought was such a small charge on us, he said he would discuss it with John Campbell, and John then sent me the attached memorandum of 15 March in which he said [redacted] had "agreed to such additional charges" and that I had accepted the principle of such charges in discussions with him.

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Before I was able to see Campbell, I again saw John Rae and we discussed the matter "off the record." I said I hoped very much that the BBC would not charge us for the small amount of electricity we used, particularly since FBIS did not charge the BBC a standard rental of \$565 per year for the two teletypes that

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we always had been pleased to let the Monitoring Service use. My own hope, I said, was that neither of us should ever have cause to reconsider his past generosity.

A week later John Campbell sent the 21 March memo in which he pointed out that he did not propose to make any charge to us so long as our consumption remained at its present level. Since there is little likelihood that we will consume more current in summer than in winter, I believe the question of the charges for electricity may be a dead issue.

Although, as I said, I consider this matter closed, I hope you don't mind my making a record of our discussion for your Washington records should this matter be revived in any future talks.

Sincerely,



Chief, London Bureau

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C O P Y

From: H.M.S.

15th March 1960

Subject: MOVE OF FBIS WIRE ROOM TO CAVERSHAM

To: Chief London Bureau, FBIS

When I first discussed the move of the FBIS Wire Room to Caversham with [] it was understood that the BBC was ready to make available the necessary accommodation here for FBIS, but that we would not be responsible for any additional costs resulting from the move. This was not intended to mean that we would not provide the usual facilities free of charge which we had provided up to date, such as lighting, heating etc., but we both felt that the additional equipment being brought down here might involve us in quite a heavy additional electricity charge, and we agreed that such additional charges would be borne by FBIS.

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In subsequent discussion with you I recollect that this principle was still accepted by FBIS, and we decided that the simplest way to deal with the matter would be to install a special meter which would measure that additional power consumed by FBIS, and that the charge would be accepted by FBIS and paid for by them. I do not know how far we perhaps over estimated the additional cost of electricity in the beginning, but I remember thinking that it might come to some £400 a year over and above the current consumed by FBIS and not of course charged to them.

I want to make it clear that we have all along only considered as payable by FBIS the additional power consumed as a result of the move, and this was to be specially metered, and in no way affects our provision to you free of charge of the services we have hitherto made ourselves responsible for.

If you feel that you would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

Signed: J. T. Campbell

C O P Y

From: H. M. S.

21st March 1960

Subject: MOVE OF FBIS WIRE ROOM TO CAVERSHAM

To: Chief London Bureau, FBIS

With reference to my memo of 15th March, it appears that from the experience we have had since the new Wire Room came into full operation here that the additional power consumed by FBIS is running at well under a cost of £100 per annum, which is considerably less than we thought likely at the beginning. In these circumstances, I do not propose that we should in fact make any charge to you on this account so long as your consumption remains around this figure.

Signed: J. T. Campbell

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Chief

Foreign Broadcast Information Service
2430 R. Street N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Roger:

Subject: EBC Electricity Charges

Before the Wireroom was moved to Caversham from London, John Campbell told me that it might be necessary for the EBC to ask FHS to share some of the electric current costs occasioned by the transfer, and I reported this in my letter to you of 18 March 1959.

Early in March 1960 I mentioned to John Rae, the EBC Administrative Officer, that FHS assumed that a decision had been made by the EBC not to bill us for electricity since I had not received any further word from either him or Mr. Campbell during the past year. To my surprise he said that he had known for more than a year that FHS would be charged for any electricity it used in addition to the amount it had consumed before the move.

When I expressed concern that the EBC should make what I thought was such a small charge on us, he said he would discuss it with John Campbell, and John then sent me the attached memorandum of 15 March in which he said [redacted] had "agreed to such additional charges" and that I had accepted the principle of such charges in discussions with him.

Before I was able to see Campbell, I again saw John Rae and we discussed the matter "off the record." I said I hoped very much that the EBC would not charge us for the small amount of electricity we used, particularly since FHS did not charge the EBC a standard rental of \$565 per year for the two teletypes that

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Chief, London Bureau

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C O P Y

From: H.M.S.

15th March 1960

Subject: MOVE OF FHS WIRE ROOM TO CAVERSHAM

To: Chief London Bureau, FHS

When I first discussed the move of the FHS Wire Room to Caversham with [] it was understood that the EEC was ready to make available the necessary accommodation here for FHS, but that we would not be responsible for any additional costs resulting from the move. This was not intended to mean that we would not provide the usual facilities free of charge which we had provided up to date, such as lighting, heating etc., but we both felt that the additional equipment being brought down here might involve us in quite a heavy additional elec tricity charge, and we agreed that such additional charges would be borne by FHS.

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If you feel that you would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

Signed: J. T. Campbell

C O P Y

From: H. M. S.

21st March 1960

Subject: MOVE OF FEIS WIRE ROOM TO CAVERSHAM

To: Chief London Bureau, FEIS

With reference to my memo of 15th March, it appears that from the experience we have had since the new Wire Room came into full operation here that the additional power consumed by FEIS is running at well under a cost of £100 per annum, which is considerably less than we thought likely at the beginning. In these circumstances, I do not propose that we should in fact make any charge to you on this account so long as your consumption remains around this figure.

Signed: J. T. Campbell